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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Please dont cave to AT&Ts pressure to destroy small broadband providers. Ive been a customer of Sonic.net, a broadband and telephone provider for more than 12 years and they do a great job. The competitions pricing makes no sense whatsoever for me. Furthermore, the business practices and customer service of companies like AT&T and Comcast are so loathsome that Id prefer to do as little business with them as possible. Thats how the market is supposed to work: competition forces companies to serve their customers or their customers leave. The market doesnt work if you dont allow competition to flourish. In the broadband market, that means allowing small providers to lease the lines of larger providers while they make capital investments in their own lines just like Sonic.net is doing. If you cave in to AT&T, youre shirking your duty to citizens in favor of rent seeking monopolies.

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